

HUGE MYSTERY CLUB HAS NEW NAME, KEPT SECRET BY FOUNDER

Wonder Spreads Among Cohorts, Who Don't Know Why 6500 Men, Paying No Dues, Are Entertained by Backers.

MYSTERY CLUB SECRETS BEWILDER MEMBERS

Why did the mystery club lose its name? What is the new name? Will its membership reach 10,000 at Saturday's meeting? Will the organization be merged with another powerful society having a membership of 20,000?

The mystery club has changed its name, but the 6500 members do not know what their organization is to be called.

The latest mystery move can be like a bolt from the blue. The members do not understand why the great body was renamed. But, for that matter, neither do they understand how the club has doubled its membership at each of the last three meetings, nor what the ultimate purpose of the mystic organization is, nor how the club started booming from a membership of six.

The clubhouses at 23d and Spruce streets were first to be notified, and the 3000 recent recruits, who take their first degree at the meeting in the University of Pennsylvania gymnasium on Saturday night.

CONGRESSMAN W. S. VARE IS BOOMED FOR MAYOR

United Citizens' Association Favors Leader's Candidacy.

Congressman William S. Vare was boomed for Mayor at a neighborhood celebration held last night at 715 Snyder avenue under the auspices of the United Citizens' Association of the 15th Ward.

The Women's League for Good Government has taken time by the forelock, and is already sending out appeals to the electors of Philadelphia to go to the polls.

Edward Freeborn, 63d and Webster streets, has been appointed by Dr. Samuel G. Dixon to be local registrar of vital statistics for the State Health Department.

McKean County Washington party men, at a meeting held in Bradford last night, commended Governor Brumbaugh for the enactment of his program of progressive legislation.

W. B. Adams has withdrawn from the six-cornered contest for the judgeship in Jefferson County. The campaign is becoming too expensive, he said, in announcing his withdrawal at Piquetteville last night.

DESERTED BRIDES REPENT IN CAMDEN OF ELKTON TRIPS

Find Hasty Marriages Cause of Woe and Want.

Marry in Elkton, repent in Camden. Thirty girl-brides of the city across the Delaware have come to the conclusion that this is a maxim which should be placarded broadcast for the edification of those who are tempted to arrive at the altar via the Honeymoon Express to the Maryland Gretna Green.

They are deserted ones, whose erstwhile husbands have skipped to the N. Man's Land that irresponsible husbands have a faculty of skipping to. The consequences is that Camden is facing a serious problem. It has these youthful brides on its municipal hands, and since they are destitute and without visible means of support, is confronted with the question of taking care of them.

Of the 30 who were identified to David Rankins, Overseer of Charities, for city help, the majority eloped to Elkton. All of them are between the ages of 18 and 25. Many had pitiful tales of disillusionment and the shattering of "Love's Young Dream" to tell. Some even had gone so far as to endeavor to support their husbands in order to hold the alimony settlement. But Elkton, being unproductive to alipherness, and the benefits have departed. Until they can be rounded up, Camden will continue to take care of the girl-brides.

FOUR FISHERMEN DIE IN SURF

Three Narrowly Escape When Boat Capsizes.

BALTIMORE, Md., July 1.—Four men were drowned and three others had slight injuries when a fishing boat capsized in the surf at Ocean City, Md., early this morning. The dead are:

Captain George Williams and Charles Maloney, of Ocean City; Luther Hinkle, of Snow Hill, Md.; and Robert Thomas, of Berlin, Md. The seven men were fishing from a large gasoline launch. The motor became disabled, and the boat tipped over when it came up broadside to the high seas. Other fishermen rescued those of the party. Williams' body is the only one that has been recovered.

June Brides at Elkton Numbered 288

ELKTON, Md., July 1.—During the month of June 288 marriages licenses were issued in Elkton to couples residing outside of the State. More than half of them were issued to Philadelphia couples.

TWO MEN ATTACK WOMAN

Driven Off by Neighbors After They Got Into Home Through Pretext.

Two men, who first made sure her husband and son were not at home, attacked Mrs. Ella Abele, 323 North Grays street, after getting into her home early today by saying they wanted to discuss with her an application her son had made for employment. They were driven off by neighbors, who heard Mrs. Abele's screams, but not until she had been badly beaten.

Mrs. Abele told Acting Detectives Williams, Kleck and Mooney, of the 26th and York streets station, that some one telephoned in her shortly after 9 o'clock, saying if her husband, Edmund Abele, or her son, Harry, were at home.

About a half hour later Mrs. Abele answered the bell and found the men at the door. She took them into the kitchen. One drew out a handkerchief and the men tried to gag her with it. She screamed and fought desperately, and before the men could subdue her neighbors came to her rescue. It is believed the assailants were after jewelry owned by Mrs. Abele, but they got nothing.

MINISTERS OPPOSE REVIVAL BY STOUGH

Declare Churches Do Not Need Another Campaign—Baptists Offended by Tactics.

Dr. Henry W. Stough's proposed evangelistic campaign in Roxborough next autumn is meeting with strenuous opposition. Many ministers of Roxborough, Manayunk, Wissahickon and the Falls of Schuylkill have declared that it would be most unwise to have a revival follow so soon after "Billy" Sunday's campaign. Representatives of 30 churches in the district will decide the question of inviting Doctor Stough to hold a campaign, at a meeting to be held tonight at the Leverington Presbyterian Church, Manayunk.

The clergymen who are opposed to holding a campaign will contend that the evangelistic services are not needed. They declare that the churches of the district are reaping a harvest of new members as a result of the "Billy" Sunday campaign and that pastors are in a position to do their own evangelistic preaching.

Better means could be found to spend the \$3000 necessary to erect a tabernacle, according to some of the ministers. This expense, they say, would place an unnecessary burden on the struggling churches of the community.

Doctor Stough has aroused the personal enmity of Baptist clergymen by his treatment of the Rev. H. H. Halliwell during a Stough campaign in Mount Carmel, Mr. Halliwell, who is now conducting a revival in a tent at 24th and Dickinson streets, was ordered from the tabernacle by Doctor Stough, who accused him of proselytizing.

The Missionary Committee of the Reading Baptist Association, of which Doctor Stough and several others, exonerated Mr. Halliwell. This action by Doctor Stough may be used by the opposition.

Reasons for objecting to a Stough campaign in Roxborough have been sent to the evangelist by the Rev. Orlando T. Stewart, moderator ad interim of the Roxborough Baptist Church and secretary of the Baptist City Mission Society.

Doctor Stough will not conduct services at Roxborough in the opinion of the Rev. Dr. Samuel M. Vernon, pastor of the Central Methodist Church, Roxborough, owing to the opposition to him.

The Rev. Arthur S. Wallis, pastor of the Ebenezer Methodist Church, declared that he was not opposed to the movement, but that he was opposed to closing his church during the campaign when its work was going ahead so successfully.

Other ministers said to be opposed to the Stough campaign were the Rev. Robert Hetherington, of the Mount Zion Methodist Episcopal Church, Manayunk; the Rev. John Priest, pastor of the Emmanuel Methodist Episcopal Church, Roxborough; and the Rev. William R. Reick, pastor of the Talmadge Reformed Church, Roxborough.

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DWINDLING STATE FUNDS FULFILL YOUNG'S FORECAST

Close of June Shows \$5,772,019; May Showed \$6,255,735.

HARRISBURG, Pa., July 1.—State Treasurer Young's warning of the State's approaching financial stringency is repeated in the report of the close of June at the close of business yesterday.

Total balances at the close of June business stood at \$5,772,019.33, of which \$4,808,212.44 was in the general fund. At the close of May the total balances were \$6,255,735.06.

The statement for June shows the following: Receipts—General fund, \$2,227,879.60; sinking fund, \$974.60; school fund, \$483.06; motor vehicle licenses, \$76,434; total, \$2,310,770.26.

Payments—General fund, \$2,819,486.64; motor vehicle licenses, for highway purposes, \$175,995.

Balances—General fund, \$4,309,816.34; sinking fund, \$322,483.03; school fund, \$10,475.91; motor vehicle licenses, \$632,776; total, \$5,772,019.33.

GENERAL WOOD COMING

To Address Men Interested in Movement for "Preparedness."

Major General Leonard Wood, former Chief of Staff of the Army of the United States, will arrive in Philadelphia today and will address a meeting tonight in the Raquet Club on "The Military Duty of Citizens." Major John C. Groome, member of the committee of the club that sponsors the meeting, stated today that the time of General Wood's arrival has not been learned.

The movement to instruct business men in military tactics and form the nucleus of a training body of men to meet a possible sudden demand for volunteers has appealed to members of the various polo and hunting clubs of this city. Many Philadelphiaans have responded to the invitation to attend military training camps near Plattsburg, N. Y., from August 10 to September 6. Regular army officers will teach the men the rudiments of war.

Among those interested in the meeting at the Raquet Club tonight are Arthur E. Newbold, Thomas de Witt Cuyler, Fitzhugh B. Morris, Alexander Van Benschoten, Edward B. Smith, Charles E. Matzer, Charles Yarnall, George H. Lyman, Lyman Biddle, Major John W. Groome and C. S. W. Packard.

Refused New Suit; Boy Tries Suicide

BOUNT CARMEL, Pa., July 1.—A boy refused to give his father a suit when he suggested it. John Stewart, 22 years of age, of this city, went into the garage to his boarding house at the home of his uncle, W. J. Edwards, and hung himself by his belt to the rafters. He was found unconscious by a cousin and removed to a hospital in a critical condition, but will live.

Deputy Marshal Replaces Bailiff

How Contractor McNichol Cut His Bids for Municipal Work

Table with 4 columns: Bidder, Bid Amount, Previous Bid, and Difference. Includes entries for 1903 McNichol, 1913 McNichol, 1914 Barber Asphalt Co, and 1915 McNichol.

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CITY SAVES \$500,000 ON CONTRACTS BY MAKING McNICHOL CUT PRICES

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was not shaded, so when he bid for some work on the Northeast Boulevard in 1913 he set his price at 52 cents per cubic yard. This was a cut of 31 cents per cubic yard, or little more than 31 per cent.

Taking his present contract for grading the Plaza at \$500,000 as a basis and figuring on his standard charge of 33 cents per cubic yard, this means that on the old basis the city would have paid \$685,000 for the work in 1913, thus saving the city \$185,000.

When there was another bid for sub-grading work in 1914, the contract was let to the Barber Asphalt Company at 43 cents per cubic yard, or a cut of 49 per cent under the McNichol standard of 1903, a saving to the city of \$28,000, according to the 1903 standard.

But as Senator McNichol lost this contract, when bids were again asked for the Plaza recently he decided to make sure of this work, with the result that he shaded his bid 25 cents per cubic yard. This is a cut of 52 cents, or 65 plus per cent, under the Senator's 1903 standard.

The total of this present contract approximates \$500,000. Figured on the old McNichol basis of 33 cents per cubic yard, the work would have cost the city \$330,000 more, or \$830,000 instead of \$500,000.

The second contract exhibit which shows that while the cost of living has soared steadily higher, the cost of contract work has dropped with almost plummet-like rapidity, is the price bid by the "Contractor-lords" for wood block paving.

CONVENTION HALL PLAN KILLED FOR SUMMER

Councils Fail to Act and \$1,400,000 Fund Will Remain Idle.

Councils have completely ignored the project to erect Convention Hall during this summer, and \$1,400,000 of loan funds, definitely borrowed for that purpose, will remain stagnant in the City Treasury, uselessly consuming interest and sinking fund charges.

It is now impossible for the Councils to authorize the construction of the hall this summer, unless special sessions are held within the next few days. That course of action is deemed highly improbable. The meeting of Councils today will terminate legislative work until September.

The Republican Organization leaders in Councils demonstrated conclusively that if the Republican national convention comes to Philadelphia next autumn it will come through the efforts of public-spirited citizens and business men, who have no official connection with the municipality. The Organization Councilmen obstinately refused to give consideration to the plan to erect the Convention Hall this summer as a meeting place for the Republican convention, in spite of the pleas of hundreds of business men in all sections of the city.

A determined effort to attract the national convention to Philadelphia will be instituted within the next few days by Republicans who deplore the apathy of the Organization party men in official places.

MURDER PLOTTERS TRAILED VICTIM TO PHILADELPHIA

Scheme to Slay Millionaire Here Filled, Hence Pittsburgh Attempt.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 1.—Three attempts to slay T. Franklin Schneider, of the Washington, D. C., candy manufacturer, were planned by his son-in-law, Thomas E. Forney, and the latter's gang of hired thugs, according to the police. The first attempt was planned to take place in Philadelphia and the second and third were scheduled to take place here. The first two plans failed, and in the last attempt Schneider was attacked with a hammer in his room in the Anderson Hotel last Thursday morning.

Followed by his gang, the police assert, Schneider fled to Philadelphia two months ago, but for some unforeseen reason the plot to attack Schneider failed.

Touchard Held for Theft

National Indoor Tennis Champion Accused of Stealing Golf Balls.

NEW YORK, July 1.—Gustav F. Touchard, Jr., national indoor tennis champion, today appeared in the Tombs Police Court, accused of stealing 60 dozen golf balls, valued at \$258. He waived a preliminary hearing and was bound over to the Grand Jury. He furnished \$2000 bail and was released.

Touchard's arrest created a furore in tennis circles. He was one of the most prominent players in the country, having figured in championship tournaments for years.

In 1911 Touchard married Miss Emmeline William Holmes, of Newport, N. Y. She was one of the bridesmaids at the wedding of Vinton Goussard and Lord Dunsley. She has since died.

SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS OPEN

Thousands Enjoy Recreation Provided by Board of Education.

Thousands of children enjoyed today for the first time this year the summer playgrounds conducted by the Board of Education in the yards of 128 public schools throughout the city. These grounds have no connection with those operated by the Board of Recreation. They are in a number of places where the children have had no other place for play than the streets.

Competent instructors were on hand to teach the children how to play and to see that none was injured in using apparatus provided for their amusement.

The playgrounds will be open every day, with the exception of Sunday, during the next two months. Arrangements are being made for special programs for safety and safety celebrating Independence Day on Monday.

PHILADELPHIA REFUGE FOR FLEEING BELGIAN

Defender of Antwerp Tells Story of Invasion by Gray Horde of Uhlans.

Tall, spare, his face bronzed and his keen alert eyes searching his room as if they sought a hidden German, Charles Votien, of Antwerp, a Belgian, who was in Antwerp until a few hours before the arrival of the heavy advance guard of Uhlans, told today at the Hotel Walton some of the incidents of the Teuton invasion.

He said he remained until the last, participating in the defense of Antwerp, and left only when the place was no longer tenable and its capture by the gray avalanche of German soldiery was only a matter of minutes. Already in many places the city was a ruin, and few Belgians remained to witness the frightful scenes of rapine and plunder which ensued. Mr. Votien joined the fleeing emigrants on the roads, where scenes of indescribable carnage reigned. Before the Belgians evacuated the city, however, most of the valuable paintings and works of art were taken from the buildings and churches and hidden in cellars, said Mr. Votien.

His family is scattered now, he said. One son is a prisoner in a German detention camp, another is fighting on the western battle front and his wife and another child are in London, having sought safety there soon after hostilities commenced. He does not know when his family will be reunited, and he deplored this as one of the sad phases of the war. Few families are left intact, he said, and many Belgians have witnessed the killing of their relatives.

His son Vivian was captured while fighting on the western battle front near Ypres about two months ago. He had no opportunity to send news of his capture to his relatives until he, with other soldiers, were entrained. He then wrote on a scrap of paper a note to his grandmother and threw it out of the car window. It was picked up and carried to the elderly woman, who had not been molested in her humble home.

Ten Governors to Meet Bell

Executives Will Escort Relic Through Respective States.

Ten Governors will accompany the Liberty Bell through their respective States when it goes on its trip to the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco. In each case the Governor will meet the bell at the State line, or the first nearest spot, remaining with it until it passes out of the State jurisdiction.

The Governors are Willis, of Ohio; Clark, of Iowa, who will be represented by Lieutenant Governor Harding, because of the former's absence in California; Major, of Missouri; Capper, of Kansas; Morehead, of Nebraska; Kendrick, of Wyoming; Spry, of Utah; Alexander, of Idaho; Whitcomb, of Oregon, and Lister, of Washington.

It is expected that Governor Johnson, of California, will meet the bell at the State line and accompany it into the Exposition grounds.

ARCHBISHOP TO SPEAK AT JULY EXERCISES

Clergymen Representing Churches in the Central Section of the City Will Take a Prominent Part in the Fourth of July Exercises, Which Will Be Held Under the Auspices of the 15th Ward Business Men's Association.

The celebration will be held at various points in the neighborhood of 19th street and Fairmount avenue. Archbishop Prendergast will be among the prominent speakers at the celebration. The children of the neighborhood will be given free automobile rides. W. A. Dunlap, president of the association, and other members will loan their cars for the occasion. There will be no end of refreshments for the little ones, and sports and band concerts will add to the enthusiasm.

State Warns of Water Pollution

HARRISBURG, Pa., July 1.—State Health Commissioner Dittion today issued a letter drawing the attention of every official in charge of a waterworks, filtration or other establishment furnishing water to the public to the necessity of taking extreme precautions to guard against contamination and to report any increase of typhoid conditions. It is suggested that in the summer months temporary protective measures be taken and the heads of the plants are notified that they are in control of one of the prime necessities of human existence and that responsibility for purity rests with them.

NATIONAL WEALTH NEARLY DOUBLED IN EIGHT YEARS

If All Were Evenly Divided Each Would Have \$1965.

WASHINGTON, July 1.—The national wealth increased 75 per cent in eight years, 1904 to 1912, according to the decennial report in wealth, debt and taxation, soon to be issued by the Census Bureau. The total value of all classes of property in the United States at the end of 1912 is given at \$197,350,000,000, or \$196 per capita. The per capita increase is 48 per cent. Real estate and improvements, including public property, formed 89 per cent of the total increase, the next largest item being in railroad properties.

In the same period net Federal indebtedness increased 6 per cent; State indebtedness, 11 per cent; county indebtedness, 14 per cent.

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VICTORY FOR TRANSIT TO BECOME COMPLETE AT COUNCILS' MEETING

Long Fight for Comprehensive High-speed System to End When Money to Start Work Immediately Is Provided.

The final legislative steps to place the \$6,000,000 transit loan in the hands of Director Taylor to begin far-reaching improvements in the transportation facilities of Philadelphia will be taken by Councils today at their last meeting before the summer recess.

With the final passage yesterday of the ordinance authorizing the negotiation of the \$6,000,000 loan and the signing of the measure by Mayor Blankenburg, the only step remaining is the appropriation of the loan money for specific transit purposes. The two appropriating ordinances reported favorably from the Finance Committee for final passage today, make available \$3,000,000 for a beginning on the Broad street subway and \$3,000,000 for a beginning on the Frankford elevated.

Favorable action on these two ordinances today will clear the way for construction work late this summer on these two sections of the comprehensive high-speed transit systems planned by Director Taylor's department. The Mayor will sign the ordinances promptly before leaving for his summer home in the Poconos, and the only remaining procedure will be the obtaining of the approval of the Public Service Commission of the execution of the work. Steps to obtain this approval already have been taken by Director Taylor's department.

The action by Councils today will mark the culmination of one of the bitterest and longest-continued fights in the history of Philadelphia's municipal life. For more than two years the plans of Director Taylor have been before the people. During all of this time Director Taylor, backed by business organizations and individual citizens, made appeal after appeal for public opinion to make the rapid transit plans a reality for Philadelphia.

Other wills probated include those of Mary R. Grazier, who left \$12,000; Elizabeth Murphy, \$4733; Christopher Salvatore, \$4100; Frederick J. Lentz, \$3200; Elizabeth Davis, \$3000.

Personal property of Joshua R. Jones, publisher, amounted to \$187,577.45, according to an inventory filed today with the Register of Wills by Robert McClean and Harry W. Stahl. The decedent's interest in the National Publishing Company is appraised at \$125,000. Other personal property inventories filed today include those of Amelia R. Sparks, who left \$1,556.60; Margaret Cavanaugh, \$41,711.25; Albert J. Blackford, \$37,632.01; Elizabeth J. Boyd, \$4,495.83; Isaac H. Frienberg, \$13,373.15; Edward Strecker, \$294, and George T. Hauser, \$200.15.

Tom Thumb to Wed Miss June

Miniature Impersonators Will Entertain at Church Festival.

Mr. Tom Thumb, in the person of little William Lynn, Jr., and Miss Jennie June, represented by petite Marie Eckstein, will be married solemnly by diminutive Parson Wilson Gosser at 8 o'clock tonight at the St. Isaac M. E. Church.

Distinguished guests will be present in the person of sundry other little boys and girls. Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Astor will rub shoulders with Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth and President Wilson, represented by William F. Price, will take his seat next to a mock "Billy" Sunday.

The wedding is a repetition of the one which the children gave several weeks ago.

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